

"HOSTILE" FLEET TO STORM CAPITAL

Attack Will Be Made on
Washington in June.

ARMY MAKES PREPARATIONS

Forts Within Zone of Operations
Manned With Fresh Troops.
Maneuvers a Secret.

A "hostile" fleet under the command of Rear Admiral Francis W. Dickinson will next month attempt to force an entrance to Chesapeake bay and attack the cities of Washington and Baltimore. For the first time since the civil war the defenses of the Capital City will be thoroughly tested under conditions of the greatest secrecy, and it is expected that as a result many important changes in the fortification of Chesapeake bay and the Potomac river will be made.

Little of the actual plans for the so-called "joint exercises" of the army and navy in June have been given out at either the War or Navy departments. The plan of defense has been left to Maj. Gen. James F. Wade, commanding the Atlantic division, who will exercise in person command over the artillery forces that will participate in the maneuvers. The attacking force, its plans and operations will be under the direction of Rear Admiral Dickinson, who has not reported to the Navy Department any of the details of his plan to take his fleet past the powerful forts guarding Chesapeake bay and up the Potomac river.

Army's Great Preparations

For weeks the army has been preparing for the coming exercises. Artillery troops have been brought from all along the Atlantic coast to forts within the zone of the coming maneuvers; guns have been overhauled and put in prime fighting condition; blank ammunition for guns and mortars has been shipped to Fort Monroe, Fort Hunt, and the various fortifications guarding the city of Baltimore, until now it is believed the fortifications to be engaged in the mimic war are ready not only to meet a friendly "foe," but, if necessary, to engage an actual enemy.

None of the big battleships will engage in the maneuvers, owing to the heavy cost to the Government when ships of this size participate in such exercises. Under his command, Admiral Dickinson will have, however, the second-class battleship Texas, the monitors Arkansas, Florida, and Nevada,

SOLDIERS' BONES IN ARSENAL GRAVEYARD

Brass Buttons and Skeletons Indicated Location of Former
Burying Ground—May Have Been Connected With Old
Penitentiary Where Mrs. Surratt Was Hung.

A soldiers' burying ground has been discovered in the Arsenal grounds at the foot of Four-and-a-half street southwest.

Pieces of bones, small parts of old coffins with nails in them, and old buttons and pieces of a soldiers' uniform were found last Saturday by workmen who were engaged in leveling the grounds for an esplanade or drill ground.

In plowing up the ground these things were scattered there it was found out they were before. Captain Sewell, of the Engineer Corps, who has charge of the work for the War Department, had the operations stopped as soon as the bones were identified as bones of a human skeleton.

He made a note of everything found and sent a report to the War Department, giving a full description of the

articles, and had the workmen go to another part of the grounds to work.

About five bushels of scraps of old bones were found and about 100 buttons. These buttons are in two classes, some marked "U. S." and some having "A" on them with a small 3 and 6 at the bottom of the "A." This "A" is thought by some to mean that the soldiers belonged to the artillery.

As to the history of this graveyard there is a good deal of speculation. Some think that it is the burial ground belonging to the old arsenal, and some are led to believe that it might have belonged to the old penitentiary, near one of the wings of which these old remains were found.

The penitentiary spoken of is the one at which Mrs. Surratt and her fellow-prisoners were hung. The main building of the penitentiary was torn down about a year ago. The disposition of this property depends on the answer Captain Sewell gets from the War Department.

newspaper men will be allowed on the vessels of the navy participating, and none, so it is understood, will be allowed within any of the fortifications which they are to attack.

Officers both of the army and the navy declare that in many ways the exercises in Chesapeake bay, which will continue from June 11 to June 17, will be the most important maneuvers ever held in this country.

WISCONSIN MAN WILL TUTOR KING ALFONSO

He Will Teach Spanish Monarch the
English Language and Inculcate
American Ideas.

LANCASTER, Wis., May 20.—Ralph L. Ray, of Lancaster, will relinquish his duties with the Lee Live Stock Commission Company, at Chicago, immediately and will come directly home to Lancaster, Pa., for his trip to Spain, where he will act as private tutor to King Alfonso.

The Spanish King is desirous of becoming familiar with the English language and American ideas, and it was to gratify this wish that a Spanish nobleman who was sent to this country to find a tutor. He will reach Madrid June 22.

ALL PRESBYTERIANS HONOR JOHN KNOX

Birthday Anniversary of
Reformer Observed.

A WORLD-WIDE CELEBRATION

Services in Washington—Dr. Radcliffe
to Preach at New York Avenue
Church Today.

Presbyterians over the world today celebrate the birth of John Knox, the noted reformer. Special sermons, dwelling upon the work and personality of this celebrated divine, will be preached in all the churches. Appropriate musical selections will form an important part of the services.

John Knox was the chief factor in the reformation in Scotland. The victories won in the cause of civil and religious liberty under his leadership, his practical belief in a national system of education, and his establishment of popular government in the Christian Church, were important factors in bringing about better conditions.

Day Selected.

Today was unanimously agreed upon by the churches of Scotland for the celebration of John Knox's birthday anniversary. Letters have been received in Washington from the moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland informing ministers that the day will be observed, and asking that the churches here will co-operate to make the celebration international.

No formal action was taken on the invitation from the church of Scotland, but all Presbyterians will join in commemorating the birth of the great reformer.

At New York Avenue Church.

Special features will be included in the services of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe was invited to deliver the paucyric on John Knox at the special service which will be held tomorrow at the Presbyterian General Assembly now in progress at Lake Winnebago, Ind., but Dr. Radcliffe was desirous of having his congregation participate in the celebrations, and so remained in Washington for this special purpose.

The first anniversary service in the New York Avenue Church will be held at 11 o'clock in the morning. Dr. Radcliffe will preach on "The Act of John

INDIAN HAIR CUTS MAY COST MILLION

One Redskin Obtains Verdict for \$25 Against Govern-
ment Which Sheared His Locks Forcibly—Aggregation
of Similar Suits Would Be Costly.

There is a probability that the famous "hair cutting order," issued about three years ago by W. A. Jones, then Commissioner of Indian Affairs, may yet become a matter for weighty consideration and deliberation by Congress.

The case has been brought to the surface recently by a decision of the superior court of Riverside, Cal., in which it is declared that the Government has no right to compel an Indian to crop his flowing locks, even as a sanitary measure.

The plaintiff in the case in question was Hot Water, a member of the Yuma tribe of Indians. He was given a verdict of \$25. The amount in itself is not

large, but the decision in the case opens the way for a flood of similar suits which, if they terminate in the same manner, will aggregate more than \$1,000,000.

In his petition, Hot Water set forth that wearing long hair was a part of his religion. He resisted the order for close cropping, but was overpowered and compelled to submit to the shears. The court decided that the Government had no right to punish an Indian except upon conviction of a crime or misdemeanor, and evidently regarded forcible hair cutting as a punishment. The suits for damages must be brought against the Indian agents, and the only recovery is through Congress.

WILL ARREST VANDALS OF CAPITOL FLOWERS

Captain Megrew Assigns Special Watch
Over Beds on North and West
Terraces.

So many and gross have been the depredations upon the flower beds of the Capitol grounds that it became necessary for the superintendent of the building and grounds, Elliott Woods, to request Captain Megrew, of the Capitol police, to detail special policemen to protect the beds.

Captain Megrew has issued a special order requiring policemen to patrol the part of the grounds where these depredations have taken place both night and day, extra men being assigned to do the duty.

Most damage has been done to beds lying along the north and west terraces. Parties have not only broken the flowers from the bushes and plants, but have been taking the bushes and plants themselves. A great many of the newly-planted flowers that have hardly had time to take root have been pulled up and taken away.

By the order issued all officers of the force have been enjoined to keep special watch for the parties causing the trouble, and they will be roughly handled if they are caught. Parties arrested by the Capitol police are turned over to the Sixth precinct and are liable to fine and imprisonment just as if they were arrested by the Metropolitan police force.

SOUTHLAND HOMES FOR THE ITALIANS

Ambassador des Planches
Aiding Immigrants.

ON TOUR OF INVESTIGATION

Is Inspecting Country Reached by the
Illinois Central—Railway Men
With Him.

Ambassador des Planches' tour of the Southern States in the interest of encouraging Italian immigration from the Northern cities to the South is already bringing results.

Ambassador des Planches has now started on a tour of the section touched by the Illinois Central. He is accompanied by J. M. Dickinson, general counsel for the Illinois Central, and a number of other railroad men and manufacturers.

The Italian Ambassador has already been to South Carolina and some of the cotton growing States.

It has been pointed out that the unhappy condition of many Italians who are crowded together in the larger cities can be relieved by encouraging them to seek homes in the South, where the climate is very much like that of Italy and where white labor is wanted. The small influx of Italians into the Southern States is shown by the following table:

	Italians.
Alabama	850
Arkansas	700
Florida	1,700
Georgia	200
Louisiana	17,000
Mississippi	850
New Mexico	50
North Carolina	20
South Carolina	130
Tennessee	1,200
Texas	4,000
Virginia	800
West Virginia	3,000

The following table shows the Italian population in some of the Northern States:

	Italians.
California	22,777
Illinois	23,000
Massachusetts	28,000
New Jersey	41,000
New York	132,000
Pennsylvania	65,000

Baltimore and Return, Baltimore and Ohio R. R. every Saturday and Sunday, 12.25. All trains both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. "Hourly Service" week days.

59c double-bed sheets

The 16c saved on each sheet results from a canceled order on specially ordered sheets of an odd size. Double-bed sheets are usually 81 by 90 inches. These are 76 by 90 inches—in every way as good for general use as the regular size, and 16c less.

First floor—Domestic Department.

SKANN-SONS-6
8th St. & Pa. Ave.
"THE BUSY CORNER"
Last Week for Cooper's Painting

Four sizes wire screens

These are extension screens, and following are sizes extended:
18 by 34 inches. 24 by 33 inches.
24 by 37 inches. 30 by 37 inches.
Most ordinary windows can be fitted with these screens. 5c to 10c saved on each screen bought.
Third floor—Upholstery Department.

91 pieces of 20c and 25c white dotted swiss at 12½c yard

We never have more than enough of this White Dotted Swiss than for a day's selling. Tomorrow will be no exception to this rule—so be sure to come Monday if you wish to secure some. This is the Fancy Clipped and Dotted White Swiss in popular pin and other size dots. Seven other underprice lots white goods follow.

IMPORTED highly mercerized figured shirting madras, choice of 9 neat patterns. 25c quantities, at a yard	16c	80 PIECES fine English Long Cloth, 12-yard pieces. Actually worth \$1.50. While these are 80 pieces last	\$1.00	EXTRA FINE Sheer India Linon—40 inches wide. Regular 15c grade. Special, a yd.	9c	ASSORTED styles of Fancy-striped Madras, figured madras or uncolored striped batiste. Special, a yd., choice	10c	FINE REAL Swiss Mercerized Batiste—a popular and scarce regular 39c quality. Special, at a yard	25c	SHEER Persian Lawn, 40 inches wide. Worth 20c a yard, at	12½c	50 PIECES Imported India Linon—a grade that usually sells at a yard. Special at First floor	18c
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Short kimonos, worth 39c, for 22c
Made of Lawn—choice of 10 different patterns; white grounds, with blue, red, or black figures; trimmed in white lawn. A delightfully cool, comfortable garment to slip on when a waist seems too much trouble. The price, 22c, is for Monday only. Second floor.

FOUR MATTING BARGAINS
100 ROLLS Japanese Cotton-warp Mattings, in a complete line of carpet designs, in colors of green, red, and blue. Choice of 25 styles of our regular 25c Matting this week at a yard 19c | 200 ROLLS 116-warp 110-lb. Seamless China Matting, in neat checks, stripes, and small plaids; a usual 40c grade. Special this week at a yard | 29c | 50 ROLLS fine Palmed Seam-less China Matting, in reversible patterns; heavy corded searage; a 2c quality. This week, special at a yard | 18c | OUR CHOICEST Rice Straw and Novelty Japanese Matting, in cotton warp, 39c yard ends; double edged and two-time effects; regular 40c grade. This week at a yard | 28c | Choice of 10 styles of White waists at \$1.00 Worth \$1.25 and \$1.50 Included are a number of materials, such as white Persian lawn, white dotted swiss, black lawns, black satens, and white embroidery Linene Waists. Varied styles of each kind. Those of white trimmed with embroidery and lace inserting; the black are tucked and pleated. Button-front and button-back styles. All sizes. |

49c a yard for silks

Worth up to \$1.00 a yard

25,000 yards, reduced solely because our stocks of shades and patterns in the several lots have been broken, and duplicates will not be ordered.

Fourteen different lots, all popular weaves, as follows:

24-in. Crepe de Chines	19-in. Glace Taffetas	19-in. Black and Colored Louisines	36-in. Glace Habutais
27-in. Colored Taffetas	20-in. Black and Colored Peau de Soles	27-in. Meteor Pongees	20-in. Black Chiffon Taffetas
32-in. Plain Pongees	20-in. Black and Colored Peau de Messaline	27-in. Water and Perspiration-proof Jap. Silks	20-in. Taffetas in gun-metal effects.
20-in. Checked Louisines			19-in. Black Armure

White linen suitings
Three leaders
30 pieces of Bleached Irish Linen Suiting, 36 inches wide, strictly all pure flax, a regular 37½c quality. Offered at a yard 25c | 50 pieces of medium-weight Bleached Linen-finish Suiting, 36 inches wide; sells elsewhere at 12½c a yard. Special tomorrow at | 8¾c | 450 yards 50-inch Full Bleached Irish Linen Suiting; a superior quality and finish; actually worth \$1.25 a yard. Special at 1st floor—Linen Dept. | \$1.00 |

Long coat suits of linen
\$11.50
These Linen Suits are nicely strapped, with kilted or pleated skirt. They are shown in white, reseda, green, blue, and new shades of heliotrope. Smart dressers will appreciate the extreme style of these Linen Suits. You must have one. Only \$11.50 to pay.

White dress goods
36-inch All-wool Albatross. A regular 49c grade at a yard 39c | 38-inch Mohair Luster, in cream and Ivory-white. A 50c quality at a yard | 49c | 50-inch Mohair Sicilian, with a high luster. Worth 89c yard | 75c | 36-inch Drop-stitch Mohair; something new. Really a 49c grade at a yard | 39c | 44-inch French Voile that always sells at 69c a yard, at | 59c |

Torchon laces

2½c yd.

worth up to 12c

WE have another lot of those fine machine-made Torchon Laces and Insertions that women always buy so lavishly of. This lot includes 21,000 yards. Widths 1 to 4 inches. All complete match sets. Choice of 14 patterns.

Point de Paris Laces and Insertions, in many choice patterns. Worth up to 15c a yard. Special tomorrow, a yard 4c | Two special lots of Oriental All-over Laces, in white, butter, and ecru; elegant patterns: Lot 1—21 in. wide, worth 50c to 60c yd., for | 39c | Lot 2—18 in. wide, worth \$1 and \$1.25 yd., for | 75c |

21c @ 25c wash goods 12½c

30 different patterns to choose from. 12 different patterns of Fil de Soie and 15 patterns of Mohair Luster. We've but a limited quantity of each left—and for this reason have reduced prices.

75 styles at 9½c yard all 12c, 15c and 18c fabrics

Included are Venetian Veiling Voile—Checked Suiting and Fancy or Plain Voile. 75 different styles—mostly checks—some plain colors included. All are big bargains.

Dotted Swiss—Imported—and is shown in tan, with white spots and white with black dots and figures. Hundreds of yards have been sold at 39c a yard. Take what remains—about 1,000 yards, tomorrow, 19c at a yard 19c |

Black dress goods
Priestley's Panama; this has been shrank and is proof against spots. Special, a yard \$1.25 | A new lot of the famous Lupin's Voiles have arrived. Prices: 98c—\$1.25—\$1.49 yard | | 50-inch Sicilian Mohair; an excellent grade that usually sells at 75c a yard. Special tomorrow | 62c | Priestley's Silk-warp Crepe de Paris; a usual \$1.50 weave. Special, a yard | \$1.25 | Storm Serge, double warp, and an excellent serviceable quality; 98c | | 50 inches wide. A yard | |

Summer Housefurnishings
\$2.75 Gem Ice Cream Freezers; double 4-quart. Cut \$2.09
\$6.50 "Perfection" Blue Flame Oil Cook Stoves; odorless and smokeless; non-explosive; \$4.98
OVENS for oil or gas stoves; of best Russian iron; guaranteed 2-burner. \$1.98
\$9 Enterprise Gas Ranges; 3 burners on top; separate broiler and large oven; \$7.33 guaranteed
\$2 Gray Stoves; full nickel plated; 2 patent burners; guaranteed \$1.29
\$2.75 Lawn Mowers; 12-in. size; fitted with best tempered steel knives; sharpened ready for use; light and easy running \$2.09
Cut to |

Notions
12c and 15c Absorbent Dress Shields; sizes 3 and 4. Choice at 5c | 1c Chinese Ironing Wax, with handle. Sale price, a dozen | 5c | 15c Sanitary Belts; all sizes. Each one in box. Sale price | 8c | 15c Extra Heavy Tubular Shoe Laces; 4-5, 6-7, and 8-9; black or tan. Sale price, a dozen | 5c | 15c Chiffon Socket Fasteners; black or white; large or small. Sale price, a dozen | 10c | 10c and 15c Side and Back Combs; each one rubbed a trifle. Choice | 5c | King's 200-yd. Machine Cotton. Special, a dozen spools | 18c | Eureka 100-yard Spool Silk; black or white. Regularly 9c spool. Sale price | 5c | Genuine Silkateen; all colors. Regularly 9c spool. Sale price, 3 10c for | | 5c Atlantic Hooks and Eyes; all sizes; black or white. Regularly 5c card. Sale price | 2c | Notions—1st floor. | |

SKANN-SONS-6
8th St. & Pa. Ave.
"THE BUSY CORNER" **25 feet lawn hose** Regular price is \$3.75. Wire bound and complete with reel | \$2.69 | **Cannon Cloth** Steam shrunk, remnant lengths | 7c | **SKANN-SONS-6** 8th St. & Pa. Ave. "THE BUSY CORNER" |